

In re Preliminary Amendment of:
Appln. No. 10/526,072

REMARKS

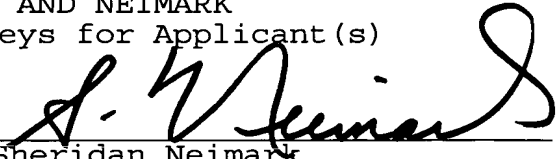
Please enter the above claim amendments prior to calculation of the filing fee. Upon entry, claims 1-33 will appear in this case. The above amendments are made to correct the claim dependencies of those claims which are improperly multidependent under U.S. practice so that such claims will be examined, to eliminate all multidependencies in order to reduce the government filing fee, and to otherwise improve the form of the claims for U.S. practice.

The amendments made above are made entirely without prejudice, the applicants respectfully reserving their right to add claims at a later stage commensurate in scope with claims which may have been eliminated by the removal of all multidependencies. Regardless, the amendments made above are not "narrowing" amendments. The scope of the claims has not been reduced; no limitations have been added and none are intended.

Applicants respectfully await the results of a first examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,
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